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The hon. Sir Norman Marjoribanks :—" The associations do not state the particular purpose for which they ask for permission."

Mr. S. Satyamurti :—" In view of the answer that was given to a supplementary question that these gentlemen have an interest in saying that their position should not be affected—with which I quite agree—I am asking whether the permission now being given or which has been already given to the associations to submit representations to the Simon Commission is confined to stating definitely that these gentlemen who form the members of the association of Government servants are of opinion that in any reforms which may be brought about in the political machinery of this country their interests ought not to be adversely affected and no more ? "

The hon. Sir Norman Marjoribanks :—" No limitation."

Mr. S. Satyamurti :—" May I know why no such limitation was imposed ? "

The hon. Sir Norman Marjoribanks :—" It was not thought necessary."

Secretariat

Communal representation in the Secretariat.

* 215 Q.—Khan Bahadur P. Khalif-ul-lah Sahib Bahadur : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether the principle of communal representation is taken into consideration while making non-gazetted appointments in the Secretariat ; and

(b) whether it is a fact that in some of the departments of the Secretariat the number of Muhammadan Upper division clerks is 'nil' ?

A.—(a) Yes.

(b) Yes.

Mr. Abdul Hamid Khan :—" With reference to the answer to clause (b), may I know from the hon. the Revenue Member which are the departments in the Secretariat where the Muhammadan representation is nil ? "

The hon. Sir Norman Marjoribanks :—" I must ask for notice."

Mr. Abdul Hamid Khan :—" May I enquire, if he is not aware at present in which Secretariat the Muhammadan representation is nil, whether he will try to know that and also influence the officers presiding over those departments to see that Muslims are given representation in those departments ? "

The hon. Sir Norman Marjoribanks :—" It is stated that in some departments the number is nil ; I thought the hon. Member asked which were the particular departments. I must ask for notice to answer that question."

Mr. Abdul Hamid Khan :—" My question was whether the hon. the Revenue Member would try to find out in which department there was no representation and whether he would influence the officers presiding over those departments to see that representation was given to that community."

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The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS :—" I do not understand what the hon. Member means by suggesting that I should influence them ; they will be guided by the Government Orders."

Mr. BASHEER AHMAD SAYEED :—" The Government say that communal representation is taken into consideration while making non-gazetted appointments in the Secretariat. How does it happen that in some departments no single Mussalman has been employed hitherto ? "

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS :—" I am afraid it is due to the lack of educationally qualified individuals in that community. (Laughter.) "

Provision for tiffin room, latrines, etc., for Secretariat clerks.

* 216 *Q*.—Mr. J. A. SALDANHA : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state what provision has been made or is going to be made for tiffin room, latrines, and water closets for clerks of the Secretariat ?

A.—In the new extensions to the Secretariat buildings tiffin rooms have been provided for—

Fifty-one Brahman clerks and Superintendents,
Eighty-three non-Brahman clerks and Superintendents,
Twenty-five Christian clerks and Superintendents,
Fifteen Muhammadan clerks and Superintendents,
Ten Depressed classes clerks and Superintendents.

They are now being used.

Water closets and urinals have also been built but they are not yet ready for use as the underground drain has not yet been installed. They will be ready for use early in 1929.

Mr. J. A. SALDANHA :—" May I enquire whether flushing arrangements will be introduced with regard to the water closets and urinals—a very important matter ? "

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS :—" As far as I can see, the answer on the paper gives information on that important matter. (Laughter.) "

Mr. J. A. SALDANHA :—" Has the hon. Member seen if the tiffin rooms are used at all ? I went round and saw that they were not being much used."

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS :—" If they are not used, it means we were wrong in supposing that they were needed."

Travellers' Bungalows

Provision of more travellers' bungalows in the Presidency.

* 217 *Q*.—Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state the proposals under the consideration of the Government for providing more travellers' bungalows in the Presidency ?

A.—There are no proposals under the consideration of the Government.